

# Father Jeremiah F. Trecy Assembly 0004

# Special points of interest:

- Navigator's Notes
- October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

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# Navigator's Notes

#### Worthy Sir Knights,

As we prepare for the upcoming Advent season, there are many events on the horizon for our Assembly and the 4th Degree in the State of Alabama. First of all, we are happy to announce that we are again participating in the Huntsville Veteran's Day parade - I have an appointment to discuss the safety protocols and plan with those in charge of the parade the first week of November, and will update you all immediately after. The current plan is to meet on Tuesday or Wednesday November 9th or I 0th, to prepare and decorate the trailer at Holy Spirit (weather permitting), time TBD.

Keep a sharp eye out on our social media platforms as we'll share the "Salute to Our Veterans" program produced by Holy Spirit Regional School, which includes our Honor Guard for the American Heritage Girls posting of the colors.

We are in need of Sir Knights in regalia to support the November 13th Exemplification in Guntersville, so please contact myself or Faithful Comptroller Mike Weist if you are available and willing as soon as you can, or <u>sign-up</u> <u>here</u>. The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organization Coalition (NAVFOC) is also looking for volunteers to place flags on Veteran graves at Huntsville Memory Gardens on November 6th, starting at 11:00 am. Please again contact me or Mike Weist if you can help with that effort.

Finally, I remind you all that the forthcoming Advent season is an opportunity to renew our Faith. Remember that Jesus preached that secret, unrequited giving is an obligation, so please consider donating whatever you can to those less fortunate this Christmas, whether that be your time, goods, or money - while Patriotism is the key principle of the Fourth Degree, Charity is the first principle of the Knights. Thank you and God Bless each and every one of you, Worthy Sir Knights!

Vivat Jesus, Chris Karigan Faithful Navigator



October 2021

# October Devotion: the Holy Rosary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII personally started the practice of devoting October to the Rosary devotion. In a letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of her Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession the grace that God would console and defend His Church in her sufferings.

Prayer: INVOCATION

Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

#### TO THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Queen of the most holy Rosary, in these times of such brazen impiety, manifest thy power with the signs of thine ancient victories, and from thy throne, whence thou dost dispense pardon and graces, mercifully regard the Church of thy Son, His Vicar on earth, and every order of clergy and laity, who are sore oppressed in the mighty conflict. Do thou, who art the powerful vanquisher of all heresies, hasten the hour of mercy, even though the hour of God's justice is every day provoked by the countless sins of men. For me who am the least of men, kneeling before thee in supplication, do thou obtain the grace I need to live righteously upon earth and to reign among the just in heaven, the while in company with all faithful Christians throughout the world, I salute thee and acclaim thee as Queen of the most holy Rosary: Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

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#### Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2021

Volunteer Hours are captured by calendar year and are reported to Supreme each January in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, Form 1728. Hours are separated by category as follows:

- $\Diamond$ Faith
  - $\Diamond$
  - Family
  - $\Diamond$ Community
  - $\Diamond$ Life

This form also tracks the number of blood donations and the number of visits to the sick or bereaved. If you do any volunteer activity, visit someone who is sick, or comfort someone who is grieving a loss, please let myself or Sir Knight Mike Weist know so we can roll it up in our report. I can be reached at my email (ChrisKarigan@live.com), and SK Weist can be reached at his e-mail

(mweist63@gmail.com). The table on the right shows what I've captured so far for the 2021 Calendar Year.

# **Upcoming Exemplifications Schedule**

Date	Location	Host Assembly	
November 13, 2021	Guntersville, AL	3328	
February 19, 2022	Birmingham, AL	TBD	
May 7, 2022	Madison, AL	2420	
May 25, 2022	Montgomery, AL	TBD	

# Assembly 0004 in Action



Faithful Comptroller Mike Weist invested with the lewels of his new office as Alabama's District Master at the Bienville Province Meeting



Faithful Friar Father Michael Mac Mahon's Clergy of the Year Award



Faithful Navigator Chris Karigan accepting Father Mike Mac Mahon's award for Clergy of the Year at the Bienville Province Meeting



Sir Knight Tony Coyle supporting the Silver Rose Rosary Prayer Service at Clinica Medica Moscati



Faithful Navigator Chris Karigan and Faithful Pilot Brian Moran supporting the flag line memorial at the Cotton Row Run, honoring over 40 fallen service members from the Tennessee Valley area.





Sir Knights Norm Reinagel, Rudy Chavez, and Gary Mayers providing an Honor Guard escort at Good Shepherd for the Silver Rose

<u>Categories</u>	
Faith	0
Family	0
Community	12
Life	2
# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits to the sick # of visits for bereavement	0
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# of visits for bereavement	0 0 2 0

# Schedule of Upcoming Events

(subject to change—contact Council or Assembly leadership to confirm certain events such as Breakfasts and Social Meetings)

#### November Schedule of Events

November 1st - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 November 1st - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 November 4th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting Holy Spirit Church Edenderry Room 7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021 November 8th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-2'45 November 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation November 11th - **VETERAN'S DAY** TBD—Parade at Downtown Huntsville 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit November 14th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd November 15th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 November 15th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 November 16th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 November 18th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe November 22nd - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

November 14th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast



**November Happenings** 

#### **December Schedule of Events**

December 6th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 December 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 December 8th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation December 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center 7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021 December 13th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

#### December 16th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe December 20th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 December 20th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 December 21st - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 December 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY Honor Guard Requested for Midnight Mass December 27th – Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



January 1st - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY** January 3rd - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 January 3rd - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 January 12th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation January 13th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center 7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021 January 10th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 January 20th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe January 17th- Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 January 17th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 January 18th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 January 24th- Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 January 31st- Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



**December Happenings** 

January Happenings



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# **Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

13550 Chaney Thompson Road	Mass Schedule	e:
(256) 882-1844	Saturday	5:30 PM
http://www.goodshephsv.org	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM
Home to Council 11672		1100,400
http://Council11672.weebly.com		









Holy Spirit Catholic Church	Mass Schedul	e:
625 Airport Road, Huntsville	Saturday Sunday	5:00 PM 7:30 AM
(256) 881-4781	Sulluay	9:00 AM
http://holyspirithsv.com/		11:45 AM
Home to Council 764 and Assembly 0004	(Spanish) (Korean)	2:00 pm 4:00 pm
http://holyspirithsv.com/?page_id=966	(Spanish)	6:30 pm
http://Assembly0004.weebly.com		
Most Merciful Jesus		
10509 Segers Road, Madison	Mass Schedul	e:
(256) 258-8865	Saturday	5:00 PM
http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:30 AM
Our Lady of the Valley		
376 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal	Mass Schedule:	
(256) 842-2175	Saturday Sunday	5:00 PM 9:00 AM
https://home.army.mil/redstone/	Sunday	9.00 AM
index.php/about/Garrison/religious-support office	÷	
	(Traditional Latir	n Mass)
Our Lady, Help of Christians	Schedule:	
1201 Kingshum Aug CE Huntsville	Saturday	8:00 AM
1201 Kingsbury Ave SE, Huntsville (256) 801-9157	Sunday (Low Mass)	7:00 AM 9:00 AM
(200) 001 9107	(High Mass)	9:00 AM

http://ourladyhelpofchristians-al.org

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8:00 AM
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

# Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

2421 Shady Lane, Huntsville (256) 852-0788 <u>http://www.olqu.org</u> Home to Council 16248

St. John the Baptist

1055 Hughes Road, Madison

(256) 722-0130

http://www.stjohnbchurch.org

https://www.madison-kofc.org/

Home to Council 10232 and Assembly 2420

# St. Joseph's

2300 Beasley Ave. NW, Huntsville (256) 534-8459 <u>http://saintjosephcc.com</u> Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:15 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 PM

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Sunday

5:00 PM

8:00 AM 10:00 AM

5:30 PM

7:00 AM 8:30 AM

11:30 AM

5:30 PM

Saturday

Sunday

# St. Mary of the Visitation

222 Jefferson St. N, Huntsville (256) 536-6349

http://www.smvparish.org

Home to Council 4080

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 PM Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM









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#### **Requirements for Star Assembly**

- Publish and distribute to the Assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2020-2021 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master.
- 2) Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 7% additions over deletions.
- Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2022.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2022 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.

- 5) Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2021-2022 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2022 on the "Civic Award" application.
- 6) Complete and submit the "Factor of Officers Chosen for the ferr (# 80).
- 7) Complete and submit the Annial Audit (#1315) by August 7,122



# Officers for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year

Faithful Navigator	Chris Karigan
Faithful Captain	Greg Brierly
Faithful Friar	Father Michael Mac Mahon
Faithful Pilot	Brian Moran
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Weist
Faithful Purser	Brian Lagasse
Faithful Admiral	Pat Jackson

Faithful Scribe	Greg Olsen
Inner Sentinel	Norm Reinagel
Outer Sentinel	Larry Davenport
One Year Trustee	Mike Rose
Two Year Trustee	Tony Coyle
Three Year Trustee	Gary Mayers

# **Knights of Columbus Charities**

Please consider donating to any of our Knights of Columbus charities (see below), or if you would like, consider making a contribution toward our Honor Guard Uniform Reimbursement funds by contacting <u>SK Mike Weist</u>, as these funds will be separate from our Charitable funds.

Leave No Neighbor Behind Fund	Warriors to Lourdes Fund
Christian Refugee Fund	Vocations Fund
Disaster Relief	Annual Appeal and/or Father
Coats for Kids Program	<u>McGivney Military Chaplain</u> <u>Scholarship</u>
Culture of Life Fund	

For any issues or insurance needs, please contact our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent below:



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### Years of Service for October and November

Sir Knight Albert Dillman Jr - 45 years Sir Knight Rolando Gentolizo - 31 years Sir Knight Everett Lesher - 1 year Sir Knight Steven Palmer - 11 years Sir Knight Paul Place - 21 years Sir Knight Paul Place - 21 years Sir Knight Joseph Pomager - 36 years Sir Knight Bill Stejskal - 42 years Sir Knight Robert Thompson - 44 years Sir Knight Chuck Anderson - 10 years Sir Knight Michael Cummings - 10 years Sir Knight David Custodio Sr - 18 years Sir Knight Tim Karigan - 10 years Sir Knight Gordon Keene - 16 years Sir Knight John Macaulay Sr - 20 years Sir Knight Brian Moore - 11 years Sir Knight John Ofenloch - 10 years Sir Knight Alan Peterson - 10 years Sir Knight Mike Rafferty - 10 years Sir Knight Mike Rose - 10 years Sir Knight Bob Wertz - 10 years



# **October and November Birthdays**

Sir Knight Terance Carlson - October I Sir Knight James Pryor - October 3 Sir Knight Harry Renfroe Jr - October 4 Kirsten Muldoon (Wife of SK Edward) - October 5 Sir Knight Lucian Chappelle - October 7 Sir Knight Timothy Conley - October 7 Sir Knight Timothy Sullivan - October 8 Sir Knight Ben Cumbie - October 9 Martha Andrzejewski (Wife of SK Eugene) - October 9 Gail Coyle (Wife of SK Tony) - October 11 Sir Knight Deacon Louis Citrano - October 12 Sir Knight Rolando Gentolizo - October 13 Sir Knight Fr. Timothy Pfander - October 15 Sir Knight Joseph Serocki - October 15 Rebecca Dollman (Wife of SK Thomas) - October 16 Sir Knight Ronald Bunnell - October 17 Sir Knight Mike Rose - October 17 Sir Knight James Goshen - October 18 Sir Knight Fr. Michael Mac Mahon - October 18 Sir Knight Thomas Dollman - October 19 Stephanie Karigan (Wife of SK Chris) - October 21

Sir Knight Michael Cummings - October 22 Sir Knight Brian Lagasse - October 23 Sir Knight Michael Obringer - October 23 Sir Knight Gary Braman - October 25 Sir Knight Jacob Weist - October 25 Mary Ellen Gentz (Wife of SK Steven) - October 26 Diana Moore (Wife of SK John) - October 27 Marieluise Chappelle (Wife of SK Lucian) - October 28 Celeste Brooks (Wife of SK Demetrius) - October 29 Desi Obringer (Wife of SK Michael) - October 29 Sir Knight Roque Haines - October 31 Ruth Woida (Wife of SK Carl) - November I Alberta Jobczynski (Wife of SK George) - November 2 Michele Sullivan (Wife of SK Timothy) - November 11 Abbey Cummings (Wife of SK Michael) - November 13 Laura Trenkle (Wife of SK Peter) - November 14 Sir Knight Hugo Jenrath - November 15 Sir Knight Paul Rivette - November 16 Sir Knight Fr. Davis Koottala - November 23 Sir Knight Paul Shea - November 23 Jacqueline Serocki (Wife of SK Joseph) - November 24



### October and November Wedding Anniversaries

- October 3 Sir Knight Pat & Rhonda Jackson (29 years) October 5 - Sir Knight Peter & Christine Wozny (25 years) October 7 - Sir Knight Lane & Kate Mousel (43 years) October 8 - Sir Knight Demetrius & Celeste Brooks (11 years) October 16 - Sir Knight Michael & Mary Laskey (7 years) October 16 - Sir Knight Mike & Louise Rafferty (45 years) October 17 - Sir Knight Timothy & Michele Sullivan (45 years) October 18 - Sir Knight Joseph & Stephanie Ann Wagner (41 years) October 22 - Sir Knight Peter & Laura Trenkle (16 years) October 23 - Sir Knight Michael & Rosemary Lenz (50 years)
- October 27 Sir Knight Ben & Margie Cumbie (49 years) October 30 - Sir Knight John & Diana Moore (51 years) November 11 - Sir Knight Chuck & Patricia Anderson (26 years) November 14 - Sir Knight William & Mary Oliver (51 years) November 19 - Sir Knight John & Patricia Bellono (38 years) November 19 - Sir Knight Chris & Stephanie Karigan (10 years) November 26 - Sir Knight Bernie & Lynn Stein (10 years) November 27 - Sir Knight Tim & Rosita Karigan (40 years) November 28 - Sir Knight Steven & Mary Ellen Gentz (41 years) November 28 - Sir Knight George & Alberta Jobczynski (64 years)

# Assembly 0004 News, Announcements, and Events

Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School & Assembly 0004 of the Knights of Columbus have once again produced the **Salute to Our Veterans** program virtually, which will be uploaded on November 11th, Veteran's Day. Stay tuned to our Social Network platforms (Facebook & Twitter), email, and website as we will share this link as soon as it is posted!

We are once again participating in the Huntsville Veteran's Day Parade! Faithful Navigator Chris Karigan is participating in a safety training session, and will announce more details in the coming weeks before the parade. Plans are to meet at Holy Spirit Church on November 9th or 10th as weather permits to set up and decorate our trailer/float. Please be ready to march in the parade, as this is a great event that helps to illustrate our commitment to honoring our Veterans! More info to come via email!

We are still in need of Sir Knights with regalia to support the November 13th Exemplification in Guntersville. In addition, the Supply Room will again be present at this Exemplification to fit and order regalia for any interested Sir Knight, whether newly inducted into our order, or existing long-time member. If you don't already have regalia, please consider coming out and getting sized, especially if you have not participated in a live and in-person Exemplification! For more information, please contact Faithful Navigator <u>Chris Karigan</u>.

After November's Exemplification, many of our Degree team will not be able to continue in their posts, as several of them have accepted positions and responsibilities with the State Council and other heavily involved positions within the Knights of Columbus. As such, we badly need Sir Knights to step up and volunteer to take their place! These are not incredibly difficult roles to rehearse, and while it works best to memorize your lines, there will be help available to remind you of your speaking parts. Please consider volunteering! If interested, please contact Faithful Navigator <u>Chris Karigan</u> or Faithful Comptroller <u>Mike Weist</u>. Volunteers are needed by the NAVFOC to place flags on the gravesites of Veterans at the Huntsville Memory Gardens. This will occur on November 6th, at 11 am. Please contact Faithful Navigator <u>Chris Karigan</u> if you are available to assist in this effort.

Pollyanna Brannan, founder and director of **Women's Health Services**, Inc., approached the Knights of Columbus, as they have an immediate need for approximately \$66,000 to complete the purchase of their mobile vehicle and complete their first year's operating costs. That number breaks out to \$28,000 for the vehicle and \$38,000 for the operating costs. While they are making good progress, please consider helping them if you are able. For more information and to donate, please visit their website at <u>https://www.whsmobile.com/</u>

The Catholic Family Services and Center of Concern are two separate entities currently under one building (bldg. 1010). The Catholic Family Services organization is scheduled to move to another location in early June 2021. This leaves the Catholic Center of Concern and its staff to remain in the building that requires maintenance, repairs and renovations. Donny is reaching out for volunteer support to assist in this endeavor. It was briefed that the Church of Highlands has stepped forward but will only limit its support to 'technological' support. Maintenance, repairs and renovations is where support is required. Our local Catholic Center of Concern needs your support, especially during this Global Pandemic, in order to continue serving our community. If you are able, please consider donating and learning more at their website at https://

catholiccenterofconcernhsv.org/

# Good of the Assembly Prayer Requests

**Rebecca Dollman**, wife of SK Thomas -Cancer Treatments

SK Bob Kikta, battling Cellulitis

Rest in Peace SK Don Corbett (March 29, 1962 - September 15, 2021)

Rest in Peace Jose Arriaga, Sr. (January 27, 1958 – October 5, 2021)

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# **Missing in America Project**

Courtesy of Sir Knight Doug Lindquist, we have been made aware of the Missing in America Project. This organization's purpose is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

The Missing in America Veterans Recovery Program (MIAP) (EIN: 20-8408832) is a Federal recognized Non-Profit Veterans Organization for the identification, location, verification, and movement of Veterans and their Dependents.

To date, they have identified 5,688 Veteran's Cremated Remains, and have interred 5,088 of them, giving these brave souls the honor they so richly deserve.

Sir Knight Doug witnessed one such interment on October 19th in Montevallo, AL, at the Alabama National Cemetery, which was <u>reported by the local news</u>, where 6 Veterans and one spouse were laid to rest, given full military honors. There may be an opportunity for us to aid in these efforts in the future, as we're establishing communications with the organization to see if there might be an area where the Knights of Columbus could contribute. For more information or if you would like to donate to their cause, please visit the <u>MIAP website</u>.

# Assembly 0004 Social Media Accounts

In addition to this newsletter and our website, we have re-established Social Media accounts on Facebook and Twitter in order to extend our outreach to the community. In that regard, if you have any activities you would like to announce for any of your individual Councils or the Assembly, please e-mail fathertrecy@gmail.com, and we will be sure to see that this information is passed along to everyone. We will still use e-mail directly for any Assembly business, but these Social Media platforms are very useful in helping spread the word on any of our activities beyond those in our Assembly. As such, please feel free to Like & Share said Social Media pages as well as any posts that you may want to share with family and friends. This can also become a boon for our recruiting activities as well! See below for links to our pages:

Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/FatherTrecy/
Twitter:	https://twitter.com/FatherTrecy/
Website:	http://assembly0004.weebly.com/

We have established a permanent virtual meeting room for our meetings via the GoToMeeting platform. Please see the information below, as this will be the portal for accessing said meetings.

Assembly 4 of the Knights Of Columbus

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/493228021

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: <u>+1 (408) 650-3123</u>

Access Code: 493-228-021

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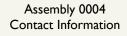
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#### In Service to One, In Service to All

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action.

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from \$175 million in 2015 to a new total of \$177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by Knights rose in 2016 by more than a million over the previous year's total.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids. We also partner with international charities including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity.

Through our Building the Domestic Church initiative, Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that deepen their faith, promote the New Evangelization, and strengthen our parishes.

"We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said. "We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us.

# The Patriotic Degree

On February 22, 1900, the first exemplification of this degree was held in New York City. The ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, was eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. Currently, any member of the Third Degree in good standing, regardless how long he has been a Knight, may join the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.

